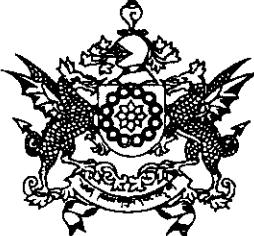


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NOTIFICATION

With approval of the State Government, the following guidelines and criteria are hereby notified for implementation of the APATAN Fellowship Scheme:

1. The scheme shall provide financial assistance to scholars pursuing Ph.D. courses in Nepali, Bhutia, Lepcha, Limboo and Hindi languages/literature.
2. This financial assistance will be to the tune of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees one lakh) for scholars pursuing Ph.D. courses within Sikkim, Rs. 2,00,000/- (Rupees two lakhs) for scholars pursuing Ph.D. courses outside Sikkim but within India, and Rs. 3,00,000/- (Rupees three lakhs) for scholars pursuing Ph.D. courses abroad in reputed universities.
3. The financial assistance will be provided in three instalments of (a) 30% after registering for the Ph.D. course, (b) 30% after two years of registration, and (c) 40% on completion of the Ph.D. course.
4. Candidates may apply by submitting documentation of having registered for a Ph.D. course on or after 1st April, 2022. Thereafter, candidates will have to submit necessary documents either from the concerned university and/or from their Ph.D. guides for release of subsequent instalments.
5. The scheme shall be open to all Sikkim Subject Certificate and Certificate of Identification holders.
6. Regular as well as non-regular Government employees may apply as in-service candidates after obtaining prior clearance from the Department of Personnel or the concerned department, as per government rules.
7. Selected candidates will have to sign a bond with the State Government undertaking to complete the Ph.D. course as per the concerned university's norms.
8. The scheme shall be operated by the Education Department with a dedicated budget head for this purpose.

9. Any un-disbursed amount in a particular year shall be added to the overall pool of resources in subsequent years.
10. A departmental committee headed by Director (Higher Education) and comprising of (i) Additional/Joint Secretary (Higher Education) and (ii) Deputy/Under Secretary (Higher Education) will scrutinise all applications received under the scheme.

By order.

**R. Telang, IAS,
Principal Secretary,
Education Department.**